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**DECLARATION OF INTENT (DoI)
FOR THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON TRAINING**

AMONG

**THE CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING CENTRES OF THE
NORTH AMERICA (NAM) CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (CAR) REGIONS**

Taking note of ICAO's role in the planning and implementation of training programmes in the NAM/CAR Regions, to promote cooperation among its members; encourage sharing of expertise among its members and other aviation organizations; developing a framework for standardization of training programmes and instructor qualifications; and publishing a report on the status of aviation training needs and resources in the regions;

Noting that training is recognized as an issue of critical importance to ensure safe and efficient air transport in the NAM/CAR Regions and that the Civil aviation training offered in the regions intends to be effectively coordinated, standardized and harmonized in order to attain the highest possible safety and aviation security levels;

Acknowledging the promotion benefits of cooperation amongst the training centres in the NAM/CAR Regions in order to face rising needs and growth of the aviation industry in the regions;

Noting that the importance of the timeliness for delivering training issues for air navigation management, planning, implementation, regulation and monitoring with increased focus on issues such as data link, trajectory operations, automation, procedure updates, etc., coincides with the fact that training centres shall implement courses related to the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) approach, update their programmes and course curricula in accordance with the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP);

Recognizing the establishment of the *NAM/CAR Civil Aviation Training Centres Working Group (NAM/CAR/CATC/WG)* as the body to support the NAM/CAR Regions Civil Aviation Directors for improving training and human factors based on the experience in planning/implementation of aviation systems in all areas and by adopting a more effective structure based on subject matter experts;

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Noting that participating Administrations are institutions in charge of training, established by the various States in the NAM/CAR Regions represented by the Director General or his/her designate, (hereby jointly denominated as “Participants”);

Expecting to establish a framework to carry out training activities that will be carried out in compliance with the NACC No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Strategy, with the objective of using existing regional services for advanced services; and the air transport system infrastructure in order to facilitate and accelerate regional efforts to apply civil aviation international standards and regulations, in accordance with ICAO plans and projects;

Referring to the objectives of all entities, in the framework of their goals and competences, considerations of interest, a collaboration in the field of development, the exchange of experiences in the fields of teaching, research, development and innovation in the areas of knowledge that the Participants manage;

All signatories share the vision that through efficient and timely technical-academic collaboration the compliance of its purpose can be achieved; thus they adopt this Declaration of Intent;

1. PURPOSE

The objective of this Declaration of Intent (DoI) is to establish a formal correlation of technical-academic collaboration for the promotion and exchange of experiences, in the theme areas associated to teaching and instruction, especially in the design, planning, execution and joint control of academic programmes, continuing education and research, development and innovation projects and in general, in institutional strengthening at an international level; as well as to undertake other technical assistance activities, which are in accordance with competency issues.

In accordance with the spirit of this DoI, and as agreed by Participants, the following services, training or technical assistance intended to be provided:

- a) Standardization of the training programme curricula under the competency-based training approach and based on a regional platform.
- b) Exchange of teachers and researchers, update of curricula.
- c) Continuing Education: updating of contents, design and joint development of courses.
- d) In-house programmes; access to specific agreements with organizations from the Participants for the training of their personnel in areas deemed appropriate.

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- e) Entrepreneurial programme: access to specific agreements for the technical support of innovating ideas, technology transfer, consultancy and shared consulting.
- f) Joint training activities and/or annual commitment for providing certain courses.
- g) Existing agreements between CATCs remain exempt from this provision.

This DoI does not imply any dependency among the signatory Participants, which intends to act in an absolutely independent and autonomous manner, with the specific and exclusive obligation of each participant to comply with as many legal obligations as they may have in carrying out their activity in accordance with the national regulations that may result from them.

2. ANNEXES

Participants may establish separate Annexes to initiate, develop or implement any of the activities proposed under this DoI.

3. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Participants are committed to observe upon the due discretion regarding any fact, data or information that may address their attention regarding this DoI that emanate directly and exclusively from the other Participant and that, as such, cannot be publically disseminated. This information will have to be used only for established purposes in this DoI and kept strictly confidential and which will not be disseminated to third parties who are not Participants of institution activities.

At any point there might be consultations regarding the actual implementation, interpretation or compliance of this DoI, as well as its respective Annexes.

4. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

This DoI does not entail economic contribution commitments. Associated resources to the implementation of initiatives that are developed in the framework of this DoI may be in accordance to the budget determined for each particular project and mutually agreed by the respective Participants, which may be established specifically in the Annexes that may be subscribed for their implementation.

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5. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The NAM/CAR/CATC/WG intends to facilitate the elaboration of the Specific Agreements, their follow-up and compliance. The NAM/CAR/CATC/WG intends to:

- a) Propose collaboration possibilities and raise them to the competent bodies of each entity.
- b) Keep track of the activities.
- c) Clarify the doubts and controversies that may arise in the interpretation and execution of this DoI and the Specific Agreements.

The NAM/CAR/CATC/WG intends to establish its internal operating rules, and intends to meet as many times as it deems necessary, at the convening of any of the Participants.

6. VALIDITY

This DoI is intended to commence on the date that is signed by Participants and is intended to continue for an indefinite period of time.

7. TERMINATION

Participant(s) can terminate its participation in this DoI at any time. Any of the Participants may rescind on this DoI for any reason and on any time by notifying the NAM/CAR/CATC/WG Rapporteur in writing at least three months in advance. Participants intend to take measures to ensure that any project or activity that is active at the moment of the notification is orderly completed. All confidentiality and non-disclosure obligations will prevail upon termination.

8. INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Intellectual and industrial property rights of each of the Participants, as well as the use of names, brands and/or signs, may be established in the corresponding Annexes, specifying any particular implementation conditions on a case by case scenario. All property that results from joint collaborations, unless previously agreed and otherwise specified, may be shared by the Participants.

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All records or documents, whether printed copies, disks or other media, including but not limited to training material that has been delivered or which is accessible to Participants in virtue of training or technical assistance services initiatives which are provided through the present DoI, will be property of the corresponding institution. No part of such records or documents may be reproduced, reformatted or transmitted in any way or through any means, whether electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recordings, or any type of information recovery storage, without the written consent of the other party. This article may prevail even if this DoI is terminated.

9. MODIFICATION

After the signature of this DoI, any amendment to the document will require written consensus of Participants.

10. SETTLEMENT OF CONTROVERSIES

Terms and conditions of this DoI are intended to be regulated on the principle of good faith, on the basis of a cooperation desire among subscribed entities. In consequence, all controversies resulting from the application, interpretation and compliance are intended to be debated among Participants, through mediation, good practices and harmony and intended to be settled by common agreement.

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